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Sir:

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for MAGNETIC BEARING DEVICE. The application comprises a 49-page specification, including 2 claims (1 independent) and Abstract and 6 sheets of drawings.

A certified copy of Japanese Application No. 2000-5338 filed January 14, 2000, will be filed in due course, the priority of which is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.53 (without Declaration or Filing Fee). The required Declaration and Filing Fee will be filed subsequently.

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